III. APPLICATION OF RULE 63 OF THE COUNCIL RULES.

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Hon. Members may remember that the other day, I raised the question of rule 63. The point that is worrying me is this. Rule 63 contemplates four kinds of motions, that a meeting be adjourned, or the business be adjourned or postponed or that the House pass on to the business next in order. These are the four kinds of motions contemplated by rule 63. At what stages these motions are to be made, whether these motions can be made even before a business is moved and supported and is before the House or only after the House gets seizure of such business, are the points which I would like to get cleared. I will be glad if hon. Members would help me to decide the point in the correct manner. I would like information to be given to me as regards the interpretation of this rule."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" Since you want it, Sir, I should like to point out this. Will it not be better, Sir, that you leave it to another occasion when this point is raised, and we may go on with the business to-day? "

MR. PRESIDENT :—" We shall finish it in half an hour. This was raised on an occasion and I gave a ruling. I would like to know whether that ruling is correct or not and I would like to clear it up immediately."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" As far as that ruling is concerned, it is correct and it is over."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I am not going to reopen that matter. But, for future guidance, it is better we know what the correct procedure is."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I want to say what I have got to say about the matter, Sir. But I think it would be better if it is taken up on another occasion when the point is raised definitely. Then we can argue it. Now we can go on with the business on the order paper."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" Does not the Hon. Minister think that we must be clear in our minds so that . . . . "

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" It will be necessary only when that exigency arises on another occasion. As far as this is concerned, you have given a ruling and your ruling is correct and it cannot be reopened even for discussion."

MR. PRESIDENT :—" I cannot agree with you when you say that it cannot be reopened. I want it to be cleared."

THE HON. SRI K. MADHAVA MENON :—" I should like to say what I feel, Sir."

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I raised that objection, Sir, under rule 63. I confess I have not got the legal talent nor the constitutional knowledge to go into that question and to help you. But if you would give me some time, I would certainly get

the help of some constitutional pandit in this matter, discuss it with him and enlighten myself on that question before I can help the House with suggestions. I thought I could raise the objection which you were good enough to accept and therefore the proceedings of the House went on the other day. But since the House is going to rise to-day and there is going to be some interval between this sitting and the next, I thought I can seize that opportunity to consult people who will know something about this procedure and then come armed with knowledge sufficient to help you. Therefore I suggest that this discussion may be postponed advantageously to the next occasion when the House meets."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I have no objection to that kind of procedure. I don't want to force it on you to-day."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" What is the meaning of the words 'disposed of,' Sir? "

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I do not want to force it on the House to-day. I only wanted to have the matter cleared up. If you are not prepared to take it now, it is all right and we can have it on another day."

The Hon. Dr. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" I shall certainly see to this, Sir, before the next sitting. I only wanted to point out that we can discuss it later."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" There is absolutely no hurry about it."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Sir, rule 63 says: 'the business then under discussion shall be considered to be disposed of.' There was no business under discussion when this motion was applied. Has my resolution lapsed altogether? That arises out of this discussion. I was hoping . . ."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" I think the hon. Member would do well to go to Dr. John or get at some constitutional lawyer and get the information and then take suitable action."

GOVERNMENT BILL

IV.—THE MADRAS ESTATES LAND (REDUCTION OF RENT) BILL, 1947 (L.A. BILL No. 24 OF 1947).

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" Hon. the Revenue Minister for whom we have been waiting so anxiously, may speak."

The Hon. Sri KALA VENKATA RAO :—" I understand, Sir, that the Bill was moved the other day. If my hon. Friends will offer their criticisms, I will answer them."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" If you have anything to add to what has already been said by your learned colleague . . ."

The Hon. Sri KALA VENKATA RAO :—" For the opening I think my friend has done perfectly well, Sir," (Hear, hear.)